

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermont’s continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

WHEREAS, the International Building Code includes safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and International Code Council Foundation, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Building Safety Month 2016, “Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety,” encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction, and recognizes that lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May, 2016 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of April, A.D. 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Shumlin', followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor